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Washington, DC - Congressman Bruce Braley (D-Iowa) announced today \$90.1 million in Recovery Act funds for Iowa Broadband access. The grants will provide and upgrade internet access to schools, businesses and health care facilities across the state.

"These Recovery Act grants are an investment in Iowa's future," Braley said. "Providing much-needed internet access to rural communities in Iowa will create hundreds of jobs and spur economic development. As Iowans continue to recover from an historic economic disaster, it's important we provide schools, businesses and homes with the tools they need to succeed in an ever changing global marketplace."

The grants will be distributed in Iowa as follows:

Applicant

Amount

Details

Iowa Communications Network

\$16.2 million

Upgrades an existing 3,000-mile network to provide 10 Gbps-capable points of presence in each co

Iowa Health System

\$17.2 million

Upgrades and enhances the health system's existing fiber network that provides connections to ov

The Farmer's Telephone Company of Riceville, Iowa

\$18.7 million

Allows greater than 20Mbps broadband access to the exchange areas of: Little Cedar, New Haven

Grand River Mutual Telephone Corporation

\$20.3 million

Provides broadband service to the towns of Corydon, Millerton, Allerton, and Lineville, Iowa; and Pe

Grand River Mutual Telephone Corporation

\$9.3 million

Provides broadband service to the towns of Lorimor, Murray, and Thater, Iowa, and their surroundi

Ellsworth Cooperative Telephone Association

\$5.3 million

Provides high speed Internet service in the communities of Ellsworth and Garden City, Iowa, and the

Breda Telephone Corporation

\$2.6 million

Upgrades two of seven rural exchanges in west central Iowa with FTTP broadband, allows high speed

Lidderdale exchanges, benefits 1,600 people, 77 businesses and 3 community institutions

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